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The Laz Who Exhausted an Olive

There was once a Laz who went to visit İstanbul. On the first morning he was there, he went to a very fine restaurant and ordered breakfast. They served him a regular Turkish breakfast, which included cheese, butter, bread, and olives.

Before he had gone to İstanbul, his friends had warned him that people there ate everything with a fork and not with their fingers. Therefore, when his breakfast was served, he took his fork and tried to pick up an olive with it. But every time that Temel tried to pick up the olive with his fork, the olive slid away. He tried to spear it with his fork several times, but he always failed

When the waiter saw the trouble Temel was having, he went to Temel's table, picked up a fork, and easily stuck it into an olive. He then handed the fork to Temel.

Temel was embarrassed and annoyed by this. He said to the waiter, "It was a very easy thing for you to catch that olive after I had completely tired it out!"